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In case you have not seen this yet, attached is a letter from Se. Hawley. Our legislative team will be meeting with Congressional staff for Blunt, Hawley, Luektemyer and Wagner on Thursday.

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October 22, 2022

The Honorable Michael Regan  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan,

The City of St. Charles, Missouri, has brought to my attention their concerns of chemicals exceeding Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) drinking water standards in wells they operate. I write to request an immediate briefing on agency actions relating to the source of these chemicals, how your agency is working with the City of St. Charles to address their concerns, and about the safety of their drinking water.

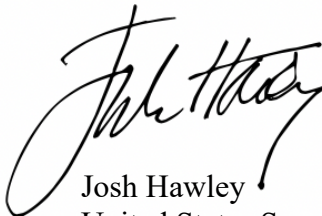
Last week, the City of St. Charles notified my office they believe testing reveals unsafe levels of chemicals in certain drinking water wells in the vicinity of a Superfund site. The city believes these chemicals exceed the Maximum Contamination Level allowed in the water, leading the town to shut down wells this year. I am deeply troubled why the EPA has not adequately addressed the City's requests for assistance.

The deteriorating nature of the situation is concerning and has burdened local government with increased costs of purchasing safe drinking water from an adjacent county. The public deserves transparency as to what the EPA has done to ameliorate these conditions and ensure access to affordable, safe drinking water for the residents and businesses in St. Charles. I urge you to provide full transparency to the public and to actively communicate any risks regarding the health and the safety of drinking water supply in St. Charles.

In addition, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Will the EPA commit to hold public meetings to inform the residents of St. Charles about agency actions regarding the safety of their drinking water?
2. Has the drinking water in St. Charles, at any time during the last two years, exceeded the contaminant levels set by the EPA for *vinyl chloride* and *cis1,2-dichloroethene*?
3. Has the EPA detected contamination of *vinyl chloride* and *cis1,2-dichloroethene* elsewhere in the St. Charles region, and if so, how has the EPA responded?

Sincerely,



Josh Hawley  
United States Senator